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This concludes the 12th Vertebrate Pest Conference. Before going on with my closing remarks, I think we should acknowledge the excellent job done by all of our session chairpersons and speakers.

On behalf of the Vertebrate Pest Council I want to thank you for your participation in the conference.

For me the Vertebrate Pest Conference has always been an opportunity to gain new insights into vertebrate pest management as well as a chance to share ideas with colleagues. This year the Vertebrate Pest Conference has provided me, and hopefully you, with a broader understanding of vertebrate pest problems and control.

I think it is important to give thanks to those whose efforts and willingness to give their time made this conference possible. Terry Salmon, Chairperson for the 12th Vertebrate Pest Conference, provided the leadership necessary for what has turned out to be a successful conference. As program chairperson, Rex Marsh must be commended for handling our first ever call for papers and organizing a program with more speakers than we have ever had at a vertebrate pest conference. Thanks goes to Jerry Clark for handling all the arrangements, John Borrecco for publicity, Dell Clark for arranging the continuing education credits, Paul Gorenzel for organizing a successful field trip, and finally, Sydni Gillette and Dorothy Beadle for handling all of the registration details. It is obvious many more people worked behind the scenes both before and during the conference and all are to be thanked.

The planning process has already begun for the 13th Vertebrate Pest Conference. Mark your calendars now; we will be meeting the first week of March 1988, in Monterey, California. In planning for future conferences we make changes based on feedback from all of you. Feel free to provide any of the Vertebrate Council members with your suggestions for improvement of the conference; they will be appreciated.

Again, thanks for your participation and have a safe trip home.